# WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at 4:00p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. with the following members present:

- Trustees Ronald Belmont, Norman Rosenblum and Nancy Seligson
- Paul Noto, Esq.
- Anthony Conetta, Manager
- David Birdsall, Business Director

### **Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Belmont made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 13, 2012 Board meeting. Trustee Rosenblum seconded the motion, all in favor:

Trustee Belmont "aye" Trustee Rosenblum "aye"

## **Financial Reports and Approvals**

The Manager reviewed the current bank balances with the Board.

The Manager reviewed the 84 claims to be approved with the Board. The Business Manager provided additional information on significant claims. After discussion, Trustee Belmont made a motion to approve the 84 claims in the amount of \$427,183. Trustee Rosenblum seconded the motion, all in favor:

Trustee Belmont "aye"
Trustee Rosenblum "aye"

Trustee Seligson joined the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

The Manager reported that all distributions for the WJWW 2011 earnings are complete. The Manager also reported that the 2012 operating costs are generally consistent with budgeted levels reflecting approximately a 3% increase in water use compared to 2011 and associated increases in chemical, utilities and maintenance expenses related to water use volumes. Costs that are associated with distribution system repairs and maintenance are somewhat ahead of the budget projected amounts as a result of the actual number of needed valve repairs and fire hydrant replacements.

The Manager gave a status update of current and pending projects. The 30" inch transmission main repair/rehabilitation project and water storage tank repairs/rehabilitation are currently under review by the Town of Harrison. He reported that a public hearing is in the process of being scheduled by TOH to discuss the scope of work and available options for the Park Lane #1 and Woodside tanks.

The Manager reviewed the greater than 60 day overdue customer accounts with the Board. He reported that progress continues to be made in collection of overdue accounts.

#### **Operations Reports**

The Manager presented the following highlights regarding WJWW operations:

- a. Water Production: Year-to-date gallons of water billed to member municipalities is up approximately 3% from the same nine month period of 2011.
- b. WJWW 30" Line at Rt. 22 & Shaft 22: Hilldale Place traffic signal is expected to be put in service by the end of the year. Once the traffic light is installed, Hilldale Place can be reopened.
  - The Larchmont Plant/Transmission Line: The 16" and 30" transmission mains remain shutdown and the repair work has begun. Water is being rerouted within the distribution system through interconnections with the Village of Scarsdale and UWNR.
- c. Storage Tanks Rehabilitation/Repair Engineering Work: The Manager reviewed the comments received from WCDOH on the full rehabilitation of Park Lane #1, full rehabilitation of the Woodside Tank and interim repairs to 5 tanks: Purchase #1 and #2, Park Lane #2, Kenilworth and Winged Foot. The Manager is requesting a follow-up meeting be scheduled with WCDOH to discuss the full rehabilitation/repair of the water storage tanks and other possible options available along with the timeframes for addressing all of WJWW's water storage tanks.
- d. Hurricane Sandy Update: Cost estimates are being developed for the insurance company and FEMA related to pre-storm preparations and post-store damage/repairs. The additional costs such as overtime, fuel, repairs, etc. which were incurred due to the Hurricane are currently being tabulated and could be in the \$75,000 to \$100,000 range.
- e. Status of WJWW Meters and Reading Devices: Approximately 70% of WJWW's systems are now being read from a vehicle based computer. Overall, there is a need for the replacement of old meters with

updated meters to allow for vehicle and fixed base reads.

f. Lifetime Fitness Real Estate Easement: Paul Noto reviewed the real estate easement for the Lifetime Fitness with the Board. After review, Trustee Belmont made a motion to approve the real estate easement. Trustee Seligson seconded the motion. All in favor:

Trustee Belmont "aye"
Trustee Rosenblum "aye"
Trustee Seligson "aye"

### **County UV Alternative Status**

• The Manager reported that WJWW continues to follow Westchester County's bonding of the UV alternative project and is still awaiting the formal IMA from the County which will then be followed by a formal agreement with UWW.

### **Union Update**

The Manager reported that the union had ratified the proposed 4 year contract for 2011-2014 and he reviewed the key contract details with the Board.

## **Executive Session**

At 4:55 p.m., Trustee Seligson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the union contract and personnel history of a particular person(s). Trustee Belmont seconded the motion, all in favor: "ave"

At 5:10 p.m. Trustee Belmont made a motion to go back to the regular Board meeting. Trustee Seligson seconded the motion, all in favor: "aye".

Upon resuming the meeting, Trustee Belmont made a motion to vote on the proposed 4 year 2011-2014 contract with the union and Trustee Seligson seconded the motion. The vote was as follows:

Trustee Belmont "nay"
Trustee Rosenblum "aye"
Trustee Seligson "aye"

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, Trustee Seligson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Belmont seconded the motion, all in favor: "aye". The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.